February 3,1943

Mr. Paul Kusuda,
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My DearPaul:-

Please forgive my delay in replying to your very welcome letter of January 3rd. The reasom- I changed jobs,leaving City College on Jan. 9th togo to the Social Security Board in Glendale and since I have been here I have been migrating between Hollywood,Glendale and San Gabriel because I became a grandpa to a little grandson, having a grand daughter 2½ years old. So I have n't been home much as Mrs Stamm and I have been at the daughter's house while she was in the hospital and for a little while after the birth of the baby.

Your letter thrilled me,Paul, for it breathed that real love for the USA which I know you to have as much as those of us,born here, but of different than Japanese parentage. I never have had much sympathy with the bigots in any line and that applies as well to a number of Japaense youths and maidens,born here, but not owned as citizens.

It takes a lot of "guts" Paul to write as cheerfully and as loyally as you did to me and I have shown your letter to many people who do not even know you. Some said "I am glad to read a letter like that" some said "Well, I wouldn't believe him anyway" So yousee,Paul, it depends a lot on what people WANT to think.

In the past week or so I have been reading more and more of plans to form some Japanese American units for our armed forces and I do hopethat this may be done and that you will be allowed to enlist. I will bank on your loyalty to the Stars and Stripes always.

Pleas e do write me again when you get opportunity and especially if you get a release to go to the Army or are otherwise changed. I think I recall hearing you say you had embraced the Christian faith. If you have, you will know that God reigns and that in the end "all things work together for good to those who love Him" May He bless you,Paul.

Sincerely your friend,

Walt. Stamm

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